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Press Release

Maryland Kids in Need of Adoptive Homes to Gather at Festive Afternoon Matching Party

Baltimore, MD (June 25, 2003) – This Saturday, June 28, the Maryland Department of Human Resources, in collaboration with the Baltimore City Department of Social Services and the Baltimore Metropolitan Area One Church, One Child Adoption Support Groups, is hosting a fun-filled program at Martin's West for children looking for moms and dads to adopt them. The day is being coordinated by DHR's One Church, One Child program; the idea behind the program is to get at least one family from each place of worship, in every Maryland community, to legally adopt one child. Social workers will be at Martin's West to introduce the children to prospective adoptive parents. There will be lots of fun and games for the children in a non-threatening atmosphere, conducive to meeting prospective adoptive parents.

One Church, One Child Program Manager Mildred Gee urges the media to come out and meet the children. "This will be a truly wonderful day for the kids and the prospective parents," says Ms. Gee, "A chance for the kids to play around, and for the adults to think about creating a special home for a blessed young boy or girl."

Join us at Martin's West and help get the word out about all of these wonderful children.

When: June 28, 12:00 – 3:00 pm

Where: Martin's West, 6817 Dogwood Rd., Baltimore, MD 21244

Note: If you would like to arrange an interview with prospective adoptees and/or prospective families, or a member of our One Church, One Child staff, please contact Billy Treger at 410-767-8502 or Elyn Garrett Jones at 410-767-

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